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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE OF MISSILES

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON JANUARY 18 WITH FONOFF CHIEF OF NATO SERVICE (VAN DE KERCKHOVE), EMBOFFS ASKED WHETHER ANYTHING FURTHER HAD BEEN LEARNED WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT MISSILES HAD DISAPPEARED FROM BASES IN EUROPE. SOMEWHAT DISCOMFITED, VAN DE KERCKHOVE INDICATED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT PUBLICITY HAD BEEN THE RESULT OF UNSUBSTANTIATED INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BELGIAN SECURITY SERVICES. HE REMARKED HOPEFULLY THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE THIS LAPSE

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BY THE MINISTRY'S USUALLY EXPERT SPOKESMAN FORGOTTEN.

2. SINCE THE INITIAL FLURRY OF PRESS COVERAGE AND SPECULATION, THERE HAS BEEN NO RECENT MENTION OF THE MATTER IN THE BELGIAN PRESS; AND BOTH THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC ARE APPARENTLY WILLING TO LET THE MATTER DROP ON THE BASIS OF FIRM DENIALS ISSUED AT NATO, SHAPE AND IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MATTER WAS NOT RAISED AT THE JANUARY 16 WEEKLY FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS BRIEFING.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO LET THE MATTER DROP, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
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